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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN FOREIGN MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM

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THE RESPONSES TO THE LETTERED QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL  
FOLLOW:

(A) BASED ON THE RECENT USMILGP EXPERIENCE WITH COURSE  
CANCELLATIONS BY THE GOH, REDUCTION OF COURSES BECAUSE  
OF INCREASED COURSE COSTS WOULD NOT HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT  
ON BILATERAL RELATIONS;

(B) THE ARMED FORCES ARE MOST INTERESTED IN THOSE COURSES  
DEALING WITH COMMAND AND STAFF TRAINING, LOGISTICS MANAGE-  
MENT, BASIC OFFICER DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ENLISTED  
TRAINING COURSES. GOH DOES NOT PAY FOR PRESENT TRAINING  
OTHER THAN PROVIDING MONTHLY SUBSISTENCE PAYMENTS TO  
OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL AS REQUIRED BY CURRENT  
REGULATIONS. BASED ON CURRENT AND PROJECTED BUDGET LIM-  
ITATIONS DUE TO RECENT THIRD-COUNTRY ARMS PURCHASES, THE  
GOH WILL BE FORCED TO REDUCE ITS OVERALL TRAINING EFFORT;

(C) U.S. NATIONAL INTERESTS ARE SERVED BY THE TRAINING  
PROGRAMS OF THE GOH (SEE B ABOVE), ALL U.S. TRAINING IS  
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PROVIDED UNDER GRANT AID. ESSENTIAL GRANT TRAINING CAN  
CONTINUE UNDER THE PRESENT FUNDING LEVEL DESPITE POSSIBLE

DOUBLING OF COURSE COSTS BUT AT REDUCED STUDENT ENROLLMENT;

(D) IN ALL PROBABILITY NO ESSENTIAL TRAINING WILL BE ABANDONED; HOWEVER, SPACE ALLOCATIONS WILL BE REDUCED;

(E) AS PREVIOUSLY STATED, GOH BUDGET RESTRICTIONS WILL PROBABLY PRECLUDE INCREASING THIRD-COUNTRY TRAINING TO SUPPLEMENT THE ANTICIPATED LOSS OF U.S. TRAINING ASSISTANCE. IF THIRD-COUNTRY TRAINING IS USED, TRAINING WILL PROBABLY BE SCHEDULED IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES: BRAZIL, VENEZUELA, PERU, GERMANY, MEXICO OR TAIWAN. THE ARMED FORCES PRESENTLY HAS A LARGE GROUP OF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL TRAINED IN EITHER OR BOTH THE U.S. AND PANAMA WHO WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE FOR AT LEAST THE NEXT DECADE. HOWEVER, A DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES TRAINED BY THE U.S. WILL NATURALLY RESULT IN LESSENING CONTACT WITH U.S. PERSONNEL AND DOCTRINE, WHICH WILL RESULT IN REDUCED U.S. INFLUENCE. DUE TO SLOW AND COMPLEX FMS PROCEDURES AND NON-AVAILABILITY OF U.S. MATERIAL, THE GOH HAS ALREADY LOST SIGNIFICANT INTEREST IN PURCHASING U.S. EQUIPMENT; AND

(F) COMPLETE CANCELLATION OF GRANT TRAINING WOULD BE VIEWED AS FURTHER LOSS OF U.S. INTEREST IN AND FRIENDSHIP TOWARD HONDURAS AND COULD SERVE TO SERIOUSLY UNDERMINE BILATERAL RELATIONS.  
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